

# SAFE HARBOR

A monthly newsletter for the Maritime worker from  
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Thank you for your maritime service and taking the time to review our Newsletter. We at the Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. hope you find the following information helpful. If you have any questions regarding your rights or remedies please contact us at any time. We are here to serve you.



## DOES YOUR DOCTOR KNOW WHAT CAUSED YOUR PROBLEM?



After suffering an injury at work and seeking medical care it is often assumed that a proper history has been related to the physician, nurse, or other medical practitioner as to what may have caused your medical condition. Don't take this for granted! It is up to the patient to provide enough information so that the medical record is clear on this subject.

Don't be a victim of an inadequate medical history or record should the need for this information arise in the event of a disability or other type of claim!

## QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE



*I was injured on my last ship and went to the doctor for treatment. My claim is now being denied as they are claiming the medical records don't support a work-related injury. What can be done about this?*

*Louis, M, NYC*

**Answer:** Louis, this often arises because the patient does not specify or provide enough details to the medical providers that ends up in the record. You must always make it clear what your understanding of the ailment or injury is and what may have caused it. If there was any report of illness or injury aboard ship take this to your medical provider to obtain clarification.

### About Our Law Firm

For more than four decades, merchant mariners, longshoremen, fishermen and harbor workers plying their trades at sea, on the docks, on our U.S. coastal waters and inland waterways have turned to the maritime law firm of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. & Associates in Oakland. Today, we are proud to be recognized as one of the preeminent maritime law firms serving injured marine workers nationwide, as well as one of the most successful personal injury litigation firms serving victims of negligence in the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout the West Coast.

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When you retain Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. & Associates for a Jones Act injury claim, or personal injury claim, you don't get just one attorney, you get our entire team of dedicated professionals. Our attorneys offer many years of courtroom and negotiated claims settlement experience. We will represent your interests with unwavering dedication, speed and expertise.

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